

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

of the

**Railway Workers
Mortuary Benefit
Club**

Incorporated under the laws of the
Province of Alberta



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ARTICLE ONE

Sec. 1. The Name of the Club shall be "Railway Workers Mortuary Benefit Club." The headquarters at Edmonton, Alberta.

Sec. 2. The object of the Club shall be to provide relief for the dependents of deceased members. Its membership will be limited to Fifteen Hundred.

Sec. 3. The yearly Dues for each member shall be One Dollar, which must be paid to the Secretary-Treasurer on or before March 31st, in each and every year.

Sec. 4. The Assessment shall be One Dollar for each and every death of member, and must be paid to the Secretary-Treasurer within thirty days from date of mailing notice of assessment.

Sec. 5. Members failing to pay the yearly dues on or before March 31st, in each and every year, or failing within thirty days from date of mailing or of delivery of notice of any assessment to pay same, are

suspended from participating in the benefits of the Club without notice.

Sec. 6. Any members suspended under the provisions of Section 5 shall cease to be a member of the Club by the instruction of the Trustees to the Secretary-Treasurer that the member be struck off from the list of members. It shall be the duty of the Secretary-Treasurer to notify any member whose name has been so struck off, but the Trustees may, on such terms as to payment of dues or assessments in arrear as they deem advisable, approve a new application for membership accompanied by the fee of \$1.00 and the surrender of the old membership certificate.

Sec. 7. Any member of the Club (whose wife is also a member) who fails to meet any assessment, resulting in the cancellation or his Certificate, the Certificate of his wife shall also be cancelled.

ARTICLE TWO

Sec. 1. Application for membership shall be in such form as may be prescribed by the Board of Trustees of the Club. Each application shall be accompanied by the required payment; if application is not accepted by the Trustees, payment shall be returned to the applicant.

Sec. 2. A Certificate of Membership shall be issued to every member and shall be signed by the President and Secretary-

Treasurer, and shall bear the seal of the Club.

Sec. 3. The provisions of the Certificate shall be, that on the death of a member of the Club, the beneficiary shall receive One Dollar from the Club for each member in good standing in the Club, at the time of the payment of the Certificate.

Sec. 4. Assessments shall be numbered from one up. The first proof of death, approved by the Board of Trustees, shall be paid from the amount on hand in the Mortuary Fund. Immediately after any subsequent death claim is so approved, an Assessment shall be levied, and the amount thereof placed in the Mortuary Fund, for the purpose of meeting the next following death claim.

Sec. 5. Death claims shall be considered due, and shall be paid within thirty-one days after satisfactory proof of death has been received by the Club, upon forms furnished by the Club. Should proof not be considered satisfactory, the Trustees may ask for further proof, before paying claim.

Sec. 6. Any member in good standing may at any time change the beneficiary of the certificate by paying the sum of 50c, and delivering the original certificate so endorsed.

ARTICLE THREE

Sec. 1. Membership in the Club will be restricted to persons of either sex, in good health, employed by the Canadian National Railways, and wives of such employees.

Sec. 1A — After October 1st, 1939, the age limit shall be 45 years on all applications, and after April 1st, 1940, the age limit shall be 40 years on all applications.

Sec. 2. Applicants for membership must be recommended by two members of the Club, in good standing, and must sign and fill out application forms furnished by the Club, and when required by the Trustees, furnish a Certificate from a reputable physician.

The Trustees have the right to reject any application for membership.

Sec. 2A. In the event of applicant being the wife of C.N.R. employee, a certificate of good health (from the family physician) must in all cases accompany the application.

Sec. 3. The Officers of the Club shall consist of a President, Secretary-Treasurer, and seven Trustees, one of whom shall be appointed Vice-President by the Trustees.

Sec. 4. The President, and Secretary-Treasurer, shall be elected at the annual meeting, which shall be held during the month of March in each year.

Sec. 5. At the first Annual Meeting, three Trustees shall be elected to serve for

one year, and three Trustees to serve for two years; thereafter three Trustees shall be elected for two years, and one for one year, at the Annual Meeting.

Sec. 6. All officers shall be members of the Club, and in good standing, and three members shall constitute a quorum of the Board of Trustees.

Sec. 7. Fifteen members shall constitute a quorum at any annual or general meeting of the Club.

ARTICLE FOUR

Sec. 1. The assessment of One Dollar shall go to the Mortuary Fund, and shall be used for no other purpose than to pay death claims. All other monies received shall be deposited to the General Fund of the Club, out of which shall be paid all expenses of the Club.

ARTICLE FIVE

Sec. 1. All disbursements of the Club shall be by cheque, signed by the President and Secretary-Treasurer.

Sec. 2. The Secretary-Treasurer, or appointee, shall keep accurate records and account of all transactions of the Club and Board of Trustees. He shall deposit all monies received by him for the Mortuary Fund in a bank or any corporation, or firm decided upon in the name of the Club. He

shall have ready, at each meeting of the Board of Trustees, a report of all money transactions and other business belonging to the Club. He shall also have ready, at the annual meeting of the members a full report of all transactions of the Club.

Sec. 3. Proof of death must be made upon forms furnished by the Club.

ARTICLE SIX

Sec. 1. The Trustees may in all things, administer the affairs of the Club, and may make, or cause to be made, for the Club, any description of Contract which the Club may, by law, enter into.

Sec. 2. The Trustees may, from time to time, enact other By-laws and may repeal, amend, or re-enact any by-laws, but such by-laws, excepting by-laws respecting agents, officers and servants of the Club, and every repeal, amendment, enactment, or re-enactment thereof, unless in the meantime confirmed at a general meeting of the Club, called for that purpose, shall only have force until the next annual meeting of the Club, and in default of confirmation thereat, shall at and from that time, cease to have force.

Sec. 3. Any monies, securities, or property belonging to the Club, which shall from any cause whatsoever be lost, except from gross negligence or fraud, on the part

of the Trustees, shall not be a lien upon the property or estates of such Trustees, their sureties, heirs, administrators, or assigns.

Sec. 4. Wherever and whenever the word Club occurs in any of the printed or written Articles of the Constitution, By-laws, Regulations, or the Certificates, or other Legal Papers of the Club, it shall mean, "Railway Workers Mortuary Benefit Club."

Sec. 5. Any member changing his or her residence, shall notify the Secretary-Treasurer in writing, giving him the proper Post Office address. Assessments and other notices, addressed to the last address given by the member to the Secretary-Treasurer, shall constitute a legal notice, and shall be binding upon the member.

Sec. 6. Two auditors shall be appointed, by a resolution of the members, at each annual meeting, and shall act until the following annual meeting.

Sec. 7. The President shall call a general meeting of the Club at any time, at the signed request of fifteen members.

Sec. 8. Any member wishing to make amendments to the constitution must give notice of motion in writing, to the Secretary-Treasurer, sixty days before March 31st. Notices of motion must be submitted to membership for their consideration with notice of annual meeting.

ARTICLE SEVEN

Sec. 1. The financial year will close as at December 31st in each year.

The following persons are hereby appointed as the first Trustees of the Club, and shall hold office until their successors are elected under the provisions of these By-laws.

Trustees:

W. E. KITCHEN,
R. McLURE,
J. SAMPLE,
J. McDONALD,
C. SYLVESTER,
G. CHARLES.

President:

FRANK WILLIAMS.

Secretary-Treasurer:

J. H. O'NEILL.

(Signed) FRANK WILLIAMS,
President.

Edmonton, Alberta,
October 29th, 1923.

